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SUBJECT: ARAFAT VISITS QATAR

1. PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT ARRIVED IN DOHA MARCH 29 FROM RIYADH. HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE AMIR, WITH WHOM HE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED LATEST PALESTINIAN DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY NATIONAL CONGRESS MEETING IN CAIRO, AND "BILATERAL" ISSUES (READ MONEY). ARAFAT EXPECTED TO MOVE ON TO ABU DHABI MARCH 30.

2. IN STATEMENT TO QATAR NEWS AGENCY PUBLISHED MAR 30, ARAFAT CLAIMED THAT NATIONAL CONGRESS METTING WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL SO FAR. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, ARAFAT ASSERTED THAT IT "STEP FOWRARD" SINCE THIS WAS A FIRST FOR AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT. RE GENEVA CONFERENCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAFAT OBSERVED IT WAS "PREMATURE" TO DISCUSS THIS. ARAFAT USED OCCASION TO ENCOURAGE PALESTINIANS TO BE PATIENT AND TO MAINTAIN UNITY.

3. IN REMARKS TO PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY IN DOHA, ALSO REPORTED BY QNA, ARAFAT OUTLINED PLO'S DOUBLE TRACK POLICY OF "CONTINUING TO CARRY WEAPONS WHILE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL

CHANGES AND SITUATIONS." IN GENERAL COMMENTS ON PALESTINIAN ASPIRATIONS, HE REFERRED TO FAMILIAR DEMOCRATIC SECULAR STATE CONCEPT IN WHICH MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, AND JEWS WOULD CO-EXIST. HE IMPLIED THERE WAS PLO DIALOGUE WITH "PROGRESSIVE, DEMOCRATIC JEWISH GROUPS" AND NOTED INVITATIONS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO THEIR JEWISH COMMUNITIES WHICH HAD FLED TO ISRAEL TO RETURN HOME. RE NATIONAL CONGRESS, ARAFAT DESCRIBED IT AS MOST SUCCESSFUL, AND OBSERVED THIS SUCCESS MUST HAVE DISAPPOINTED THOSE WHO EXPECTED A BREAKUP. RE LEBANESE SITUATION, HE CLAIMED THAT PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION HAD EMERGED EVEN STRONGER, BUT ALLUDED TO CONSTANT BATTLES DURING PAST FIVE MONTHS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WITH "ISRAELI ENEMIES HIDING BEHIND RIGHTIST ISOLATIONISTS." ON RELATIONS WITH JORDAN, ARAFAT SAID DIALOGUE WOULD CONTINUE IN CONTEXT OF IMPLEMENTING RABAT SUMMIT DECISIONS.

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